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In re Application of:

Giuseppe COLOMBO et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
INTRODUCING IN CONTINUOUS  
A SUBSTANCE IN LIQUID PHASE  
INTO PLASTICS GRANULES

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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action dated March 5, 2002, the period for reply having been extended to August 5, 2002 by the concurrently filed petition for two-month extension of time and payment of the requisite fee, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 45, as follows:

45. (Amended) Method according to claim 44 wherein said step c) of mixing the granules is carried out by passing the granules partially or totally coated by said substance in liquid phase through at least two superimposed groups of mixing bars arranged substantially perpendicular to each other.

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